

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 14 are pending. Claims 5-9 and 15-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is currently amended. Support for the amendment of claim 1 is found, for example, in original claim 3.

In view of the following comments, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and allowance of the claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 Over Pilgaard, Shaw, and Czeremuszkin

Claims 1, 10, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pilgaard et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0019383 in view of Shaw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,231,939) and further in view of Czeremuszkin et al. (WO 03/016589).

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as the claims are not *prima facie* obvious over the cited references. Specifically, the claimed feature of “the inorganic barrier layer directly adjoining the backing film substrate” was not addressed. *See* MPEP 2143.03 (“All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art.”) The cited references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a barrier layer that is both “adjacent to at least a portion of the reservoir” and “directly adjoining the backing film substrate,” as included in the claims.

Thus, in view of the above, the application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims are not *prima facie* obvious over the cited references, Applicant does not comment on the Examiner’s assertions. Applicant, however, does not acquiesce in any such assertions, including the stated reasons for combining the teachings of the cited references. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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